

REMARKS

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement forwarded by the Official Action dated August 2, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, including Claims 26-44 (drawn to a method of bonding sheets to form a book-like structure). In addition, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species I of Group III (Figures 3A to 3D) for prosecution in the above-identified application. Claims 26-35 read on the elected species of Group II. Claims 26-28 have been identified as generic.

This election is made with traverse.

The restriction and election of species is traversed as it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of Groups I and II and Species I and II of each group as set forth in the Official Action is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter for any species would necessarily encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be performed without serious burden. MPEP §803 clearly states that "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on its merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant in duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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